

COMMITTEE ON PRIMARY JURISDICTION.

Dr. Campbell, of Montreal, requested to be relieved of the Convenership of the Committee on the subject of primary jurisdiction over Student-Missionaries. The request was granted, and Dr. Moore was appointed Convener in his stead.

OVERTURE—SENATE KNOX COLLEGE.

Dr. Caven presented an Overture from the Senate of Knox College, setting forth, in substance, that candidates for the ministry should have the best practicable training in Arts; that not a few students take the *preparatory* course to whom the way is open for a complete University Course, thus impairing their discipline in Arts, and making their course in Theology less satisfactory; that the Senate of Knox College, in May last, adopted the following resolution:—"That the Senate shall memorialize the General Assembly to instruct Presbyteries so to direct young men applying for certificates to the Colleges with the view of entering the Preparatory Course, that whenever practicable a full University Course shall be taken, rather than the Preparatory, and where this is found not to be practicable, students shall not be certified to the Senate of the College unless Presbyteries are satisfied that there is a reasonable prospect of their passing in the several subjects prescribed for the Entrance Examination;" and praying the Assembly to instruct the Presbyteries in accordance with the tenor of the foregoing resolution.

Dr. Caven submitted the following resolution for the disposal of the memorial: The General Assembly receives the overture and approves the steps which are being taken by the Board and Senate of Knox College to make the Preparatory Course more complete and thorough, and, in accordance with the prayer of the overture from the Senate, instructs the Presbyteries to determine whether young men applying for certificates to our colleges, with a view of entering the Preparatory Course, shall take that course rather than a complete University Course, and also to co-operate with the Senates of the Colleges in sustaining and increasing the efficiency of the Preparatory Course, by declining to certify to the Senates those whose literary attainments are manifestly insufficient to enable them to pass the Entrance Examination.

Before action was taken on the memorial and resolution above written, the time to which the Assembly had agreed to sit arrived. Before closing, however, a communication from Sir Hector Langevin, Minister of Public Works, stating that the central block of the Parliament Buildings would remain open till six o'clock, so that commissioners of the Assembly might have the opportunity of visiting the same, was read; also, that the Joint Librarians of Parliament would have officers in charge during the same time, for the purpose of allowing visitors to visit the Library.

The Assembly then adjourned, to meet again at half-past nine o'clock, on Monday morning, of which public intimation was given, and the Sederunt was closed with the Benediction.